

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for recognizing speech from a word sequence, the method comprising:

applying a first recognition procedure to a first segment of the word sequence, the first segment including a plurality of first words, the first recognition procedure including a digram recognition method with integrated unique syntax;

applying a second recognition procedure to a second segment of the word sequence, the second segment including a plurality of second words, the second recognition procedure including a statistical word sequence evaluation;

combining a last two words of the plurality of first words into a pseudoword upon a change from the first recognition procedure to the second recognition procedure; and processing the pseudoword using a digram detection method.

Claim 12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) A method for recognizing speech from a word sequence, the method comprising:

applying a first recognition procedure that includes an integrated unique syntax procedure to a first segment of the word sequence, the first segment including a plurality of first words;

applying a second recognition procedure that includes a statistical word sequence procedure to a second segment of the word sequence, the second segment including a plurality of second words;

combining a last two words of the plurality of first words into a pseudoword upon a change from the first recognition procedure to the second recognition procedure; and

processing the pseudoword using a digram detection method;

wherein the first recognition procedure is a digram recognition procedure and the second recognition procedure is a trigram recognition procedure and wherein the second

recognition procedure limits permissible series of second words in the second segment according to a statistical evaluation.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~[[12]]~~ 11 wherein at least one of the first and second segments is predefined in terms of at least one of a respective segment length and segment position.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 14 wherein at least one of the first and second segments is permanently allocated to one of the first and the second recognition procedure.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 15 wherein the first segment has a predefined length and is positioned at a beginning of the word sequence.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~[[12]]~~ 11 wherein the second segment has a predefined length and is positioned at a beginning of the word sequence.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 13 wherein the applying the second recognition procedure includes:

recognizing a word triplet, the word triplet including three second words of the plurality of the second words; and

representing the word triplet as a pseudoword doublet, the pseudoword doublet including a second and a third pseudoword, the second pseudoword overlapping with the third pseudoword and each of the second and third pseudowords including two of the three second words of the word triplet.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as recited in claim ~~[[12]]~~ 11 wherein a change from the second recognition procedure to the first recognition procedure is performed based on a respective word detection or phrase detection.

20. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 19 wherein the second recognition procedure is used as standard.

21. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 11 wherein the first and second segments include successive word sequence segments.

22. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 11 wherein each of the first and second words include a sound sequence that includes at least one of (a) a spoken letter, (b) a syllable and (c) a syllable sequence.